



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

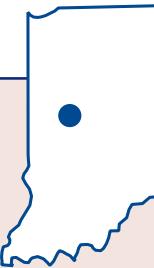
Frankfort Community Public Library, IN

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Frankfort Community Public Library was selected to receive two brownfields cleanup grants. Of Frankfort's 16,593 residents, 3,645 live in the target area in downtown Frankfort. The unemployment rate in the target area is 8.6 percent, and 27.8 percent of the target area's residents are Hispanic. Additionally, 9.1 percent of the families in this area live below the poverty level, compared to 6.3 percent county-wide and 6.7 percent state-wide. The Frankfort Community Public Library serves as a community, cultural, and educational center for area residents. The library hopes to develop a program to provide credit courses at the library through a partnership with Ivy Tech State College. The cleanup and redevelopment of the target sites are crucial to the expansion of the library's programs. By cleaning up these sites, the library may also contribute to raising property values in the area.



Cleanup Grants

New
2004

\$400,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Frankfort Community Public Library for two brownfields cleanup grants totaling \$400,000. Grant funds will be used to clean up the Davis Property site and the Midstate Plumbing Supply-Irwin site. The Davis Property site, which operated as a drycleaning facility from 1924 to 1977, is contaminated with drycleaning solvents. Funds at this site will be used for underground storage tank removal, disposal of contaminated soil, remediation design and implementation, and groundwater monitoring. The Midstate Plumbing Supply-Irwin site is contaminated with drycleaning solvents from a neighboring property. Funds at this site will be used for underground storage tank removal, remediation design and implementation, and groundwater monitoring. Both sites are adjacent to the Frankfort Community Public Library and are part of a proposed expansion of the library. The Davis Property site will be used for expanded library parking. The Midstate Plumbing site will be used for permanent storage of civic theater props, library equipment, and the library van.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, the activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.